GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2212
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SALE OF RATION IN OPEN MARKET
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ration meant for soldiers posted in Siachin is being sold in the open market;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any enquiry has been conducted by the Government in this regard;

(d) if so, the brief details of the enquiry report; and

(e) the action taken so far in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (e): The Army came to know of some pilferage of special rations meant for soldiers. Based on this information, the local Police carried out raids and recovered certain items of special rations and stores from Chumathang, Tangtse, Hunder/Khalsar/Sasoma and Nubra (Panamik).

Eleven First Information Reports (FIRs) have been lodged with the Police and 31 civilians have been arrested.

Two Courts of Inquiry were ordered to investigate into the matter. Based on the first Court of Inquiry for Chumathang, the Army Commander has directed administrative action against three Officers and two Junior Commissioned Officers. The second Court of Inquiry is in an advanced stage.